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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

By Spean Buckoum

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Paragraphs (1) through (11), both inclusive, and Paragraphs (15) and (16) of Section One (2) of Chapter 357, page 874 et seq., Acts of the Regular Session, Fifty-third Legislature of Texas, 1953 (Article 7477 of Chapter 1 of Title 128 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended), be and the same are hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"(1) The name of the Board of Water Engineers, created and constituted by the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Chapter 171, General Laws, approved April 9, 1913, is hereby changed to the Texas Water Commission, hereinafter sometimes called the 'Commission', and the members constituting the Board of Water Engineers shall continue in office for the respective terms for which they were appointed, and until their successors are appointed and have qualified.

Except as otherwise herein provided, all provisions of existing statutes referring to the Board of Water Engineers shall hereafter have reference to the Texas Water Commission. Said Commission shall be composed of three (3) members, one of whom shall be appointed from each of the respective water divisions described in Article 7475 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925.

"(2) The members of said Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and each shall hold office for a term of six (6) years, and until his successor is appointed and has qualified. Provided, that the person appointed to the term beginning in August, 1961, shall serve for a period ending February 1, 1967; the person appointed to the term beginning in August, 1963, shall serve for a period ending February 1, 1969; and the person appointed to the term beginning in August, 1965, shall serve for a period ending February 1, 1971. No person shall be appointed a member of the

Commission who has not such technical knowledge and such practical experience and skill as shall fit him for the duties of the office. Each shall be a citizen of this State and a bona fide resident of the water division from which he is appointed. Each member of the Commission shall qualify by taking the official oath of office as prescribed by law, and by executing an official bond payable to the State of Texas in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in accordance with the provisions of the State Employee Bonding Act. Members of the Commission shall serve on a full-time basis.

- "(3) The Commission shall be vested with all the authority and shall perform all the duties now vested in the Board of Water Engineers and the authority and duties herein prescribed, save and except the authority and duties vested in the Chairman by paragraph (4) hereof and in the Chief Engineer by paragraph (5) hereof.
- "(4) (a) On or before February l'of each year, the Governor shall designate one (1) member of said Commission who shall serve as Chairman thereof at the will of the Governor. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Commission and shall have authority to issue notices of public hearings authorized by the Commission, to approve payrolls for the Commission, and to approve purchase requisitions and vouchers for necessary supplies, equipment and services for the Commission. The Chairman may designate another member of the Commission to act for him in his absence or inability to serve, failing which, the other two members may designate an Acting Chairman.
- "(b) Except as the Commission may otherwise direct, the Chairman shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Commission with authority, subject to and within appropriation acts enacted by the Legislature, to employ, assign, and re-assign duties, adjust salaries of, and discharge from employment all employees of the Commission, except as provided in Paragraphs (5) and (7), and to direct the general administration of the office of the Commission.
- "(5) The Commission shall employ a Chief Engineer to serve until he is removed by the Commission. He shall be a Registered Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Texas and shall have such practical experience and such qualifications as the Commission may require. He shall execute an official bond payable to the State of Texas in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in accordance with the provisions of the State Employee Bonding

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"A. Making investigations, studies and analyses and collecting and processing data and information on the occurrence, quantity, quality and availabilty of the surface waters and ground waters within the State, including particularly the technical duties and functions set forth in Articles 7472d, 7524, 7527, 7528 and 7537a, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes.

"B. Administering programs for:

- 1. Topographic and geologic mapping of the State;
- 2. Determination of the silt load of streams;
- 3. Evaluation, preparation for publication, publication and reproduction of engineering, hydrologic and geologic data, information and reports relating to the water resources of the State.
- '4. Preparation of forms for, analysis, and filing with the Commission, reports required by Articles 7612, 7614, and 7615, Vernon's Annotated Texas
 Civil Statutes.
- "C. Developing and keeping current a comprehensive and coordinated plan and program for the orderly development of the water resources of the State in the accomplishment of the purposes and objective of Article 7472d, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes, and of The Texas Water Planning Act of 1957 (Article 7472d-1, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes).
- "D. Reviewing, analyzing, and making recommendations to the Commission in regard to:
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- "3. Presentations filed under Article 7496, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes, and all applications to the Commission for permits, or amendments thereto, to appropriate public waters and/or to construct works for the impoundment, diversion and transportation of public waters;

- 4. Approval of master plans and other reports of conservation districts, river authorities and other State agencies in all cases where approval of the Commission is required by law; or requested by said districts, authorities or agencies;
- 5. Proceedings for the cancellation and forfeiture, in whole or in part, of permits and certified filings for the appropriation of public waters as provided in Article 7474, 7519, 7519a, 7519b, and 7544, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes;
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- 8. Projects of water impovement districts and water control and improvement districts which make application for the issuance of bonds pursuant to Article 7799 and Article 7880-139, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes;
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- "E. Performing other technical engineering, hydrologic and geologic functions in the administration of the water resources of the State.
- "F. Employing, assigning, re-assigning, promoting, demoting, and adjusting salaries of, and discharging from employment, all employees and personnel authorized by the appropriation bills enacted by the Legislature to be employed for the performance of the duties of the Commission which are herein made the responsibility of the Chief Engineer, including the authority to approve payrolls for personel under his supervision, purchase requisitions for necessary supplies, equipment and services, and vouchers in payment therefor. ©
- "(6) The Chief Engineer may appoint an Assistant Chief Engineer who shall have the same qualifications as are required by law of the Chief Engineer.

 In the absence of the Chief Engineer, or in the case of his inability to act, the Assistant Chief Engineer shall perform the duties devolving upon the Chief

Engineer by law or by direction of the Commission. At other times, he shall perform such duties and have such functions and authority as may be delegated to him by the Chief Engineer. He shall make a bond in the same amount and conditioned as is the Chief Engineer's bond. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chief Engineer, the Assistant Chief Engineer shall perform the duties of Chief Engineer until a Chief Engineer has been appointed and has qualified.

- "(7) The Commission shall employ a Secretary at a salary to be fixed by the Legislature in appropriation bills passed by it, and who shall execute a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in accordance with the provisions of the State Employee Bonding Act. The Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes of all meetings of the Commission and complete records of all its proceedings and transactions and of every ruling, order, and decision made by it.
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- "(9) The Commission and the Chief Engineer shall jointly make biennial reports in writing to the Governor as provided in Article 7526, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, in which shall be included statements of their activities, the data and information collected, and such suggestions as to the amendment of existing laws and the enactment of new laws, as they may deem desirable.

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Chairman of the Commission for all other employees.

"(11) The Attorney General shall be the legal adviser of the Commission and the Chief Engineer and shall represent them in litigation to which they may be a party; provided, that in addition, the Chairman of the Commission, subject to the written consent of the Attorney General of this State, may employ other legal counsel regularly, or may engage their services temporarily. Such legal counsel shall advise the members of the Commission and the Chief Engineer in regard to official business. Suits to enforce any provisions of this chapter may be prosecuted in the courts of the State by the Attorney General."

"(15) The Chief Engineer in making investigations, surveys, and studies and in performing other duties prescribed in this chapter, after consulting with the Commission, may negotiate and execute agreements with other State agencies, political subdivisions and municipal corporations of the State, Federal agencies, and private persons and corporations for cooperative or joint studies and investigations of the occurrence, quantity and quality of the surface and ground waters of the State, the topographical and geological mapping of the State, and the collection, processing and analyzing of other basic data relating to the development of the water resources of the State, and the administration and performance of such agreements. ①

"(16) Upon the application of any person and upon payment of the fees prescribed therefor in the Rules and Regulations of the Commission, the Commission or the Chief Engineer shall furnish certified copies of any proceedings or any other official act or record, or of any paper, map, or document filed in the office of the Commission or with the Chief Engineer, in connection with the appropriation of water, determination of water rights, or administration of water rights. Such certified copies under the hand of the Chairman or the Secretary of the Commission as to records in the custody of the Commission, and under the hand of the Chief Engineer or Assistant Chief Engineer as to records in the custody of the Chief Engineer and the seal of the Commission, shall be admissible as evidence in any court or administrative proceeding, in the same manner and with like effect as the original would be."

Sec. 2. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances

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Sec. 3. The fact that there is an urgent need to delineate the technical engineering, hydrologic and geologic authority and duties heretofore vested in the Board of Water Engineers and to place the responsibility for the performance of such technical engineering, hydrologic and geologic authority and duties upon a Chief Engineer and the great public importance of the subject matter of this Act, create an emergency and an imperative necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be and the same is hereby suspended, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the passage thereof, and it is so enacted.

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7-12-61	Filed.				
<u>7-13-61</u>	Read first time and referred to Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.				
7-25-61	Reported favorably, sent to printer				
7-26-61	Returned from printer, sent to Speaker				
<u>7-28-61</u>	Read second time and ordered engrossed by a non-record vote				
<u>7-28-61</u>	Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended by a four-fifths vote: Yeas 106, Nays 10.				
7-28-61	Read third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas 108, Nays 2.				
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